



Comptroller General
of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Frank E. Basil, Inc./Holmes and Narver
Service, Inc.

File: B-245899

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DIGEST

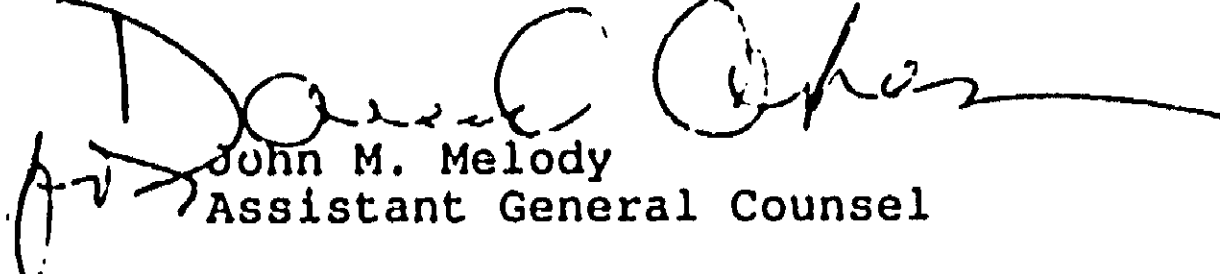
Where award was based on factors other than price, unsupported protest allegation that award to higher-priced offeror was improper because protester's proposal "clearly offered the best value to the government" does not constitute legally sufficient basis for protest.

DECISION

Frank E. Basil, Inc./Holmes and Narver Services, Inc. (BHN) protests the award of a contract to DynCorp Government Services Group under request for proposals (RFP) No. DAKF04-90-R-0012, issued by the Department of the Army for base operations services at the Army's National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California. BHN alleges that award to DynCorp at a price nearly 3 percent higher than BHN's price was improper.

A protester's assertion that it should have received the award solely because it offered a lower price or cost than did the awardee fails to state a valid basis for protest where, as here, the solicitation provided that award would be based on technical factors as well as on cost. Stewart-Warner Elecs. Corp., B-235774.2, Dec. 27, 1989, 89-2 CPD ¶ 598. While BHN maintains that its proposal "clearly offered the best value to the government," this unsupported assertion does not establish the likelihood that the award to DynCorp was improper; it therefore does not constitute a legally sufficient protest basis as required by our Regulations. See 4 C.F.R. § 21.1(c)(4) (1991).

The protest is dismissed.


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